

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Justin K. Brask

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FOR SELECTIVELY ETCHING METAL  
FILMS AND STRUCTURES

Examiner: Duda, Kathleen

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir:

The Applicants filed a Reply Brief on December 31, 2008. Subsequent to the filing of the Reply Brief, the Applicants received an "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" mailed on April 30, 2009, a communication indicating that the Applicants' "Reply Brief filed on December 31, 2008 is noted" mailed on May 5, 2009, and a "Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Docketing Notice" mailed on May 26, 2009.

Please provide the current status of the application and an indication of when the next action is expected to be mailed from the Office.

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### CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), the Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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